

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 30, 2005 has been received and carefully studied.


The Examiner newly rejects claims 1-4 (and claims 9-11?) under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Knecht, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,351,370 (sic, U.S. Patent No. 6,296,094).

By the accompanying amendment, claims 1-4 and 10-11 have been canceled in order to expedite allowance. Claim 9 has been made dependent on allowed claim 6.

The amendment is only now being made in view of the new grounds of rejection and in order to expedite allowance of the allowed claims.

Reconsideration, entry of the amendment, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

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